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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR ATTACHING MECHANICAL FASTENERS TO ABSORBENT ARTICLES AND THE RESULTING ABSORBENT ARTICLES

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Substitute Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed on December 19, 2002. This Substitute Amendment replaces the Applicant's October 10, 2002 Amendment filed in response to the Office Action of July 12, 2002. The Applicant believes that this Substitute Amendment is fully responsive to the Examiner's comments in the Office Action and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. This Substitute Amendment is filed within one month of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, as such no fees are believed to be due. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as set forth below. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), the amendments to the specification are set forth in "clean" form here, and in "marked-up" form in Appendix A, showing additions by underlines and deletions in brackets.

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